Trade in Human Organs

2080. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an organised trade in human organs has been going on in certain institute in the country;

(b) whether such institute are affiliated to the Indian Council of Medical Research;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted by Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) A news item was published in the New Delhi Edition of Times of India on 16.1.1992 alleging that the Central Jalma Institute of Laprosy, Agra, a permanent Institute under the Indian Council of Medical Research, is involved in removal of eyes and kidneys of poor and helpless leprosy patients and selling and trading these organs with a view to get money. The allegations have been looked into and found to be totally baseless, reckless and malacious. The Institute has neither the technical competence nor the physical infrastructure required for organ removal transplantation surgery; it can perform only curative and restoative surgery.

Sale of Schedule (H) Drugs

2081. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemments's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the "STATESMAN" dated 30-1-92 to the effect that schedule "H" drugs are sold in the Medical shops in Delhi without prescription; and

(to) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the information furnished by the Delhi Administration they have taken note of the contents of the news item and following steps have been initiated by them in this regard;

(i) Intensification of inspection of retail chemists and initiation of action against those who supply Schedule 'H' drugs without prescription under the Drugs and Cosmetic Act.

(ii) Meeting with the Representatives of the Chemist Association in Delhi to impress upon them the need to educate their members on this problem so that they do not indulge in sale of Schedule 'H' drugs without prescription.

(iii) Meeting with Voluntary Health Associations with a view to enlisting their involvement in education of consumers so that they do not indulge in self medication.

आंतकवादी गतिविधियों में वृद्धि

2082. श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली, पंजाब, जम्मू और काश्मीर, आंध्र प्रदेश, असम इत्यादि अनेक राज्यों में जनवरी, 1991 से अब तक आंतकवादी गतिविधियों में काफी वृद्धि हुई है और यदि हां, तो उपरोक्त अवधि के दौरान इन आंतकवादी गतिविधियों में राज्यवार एवं माहवार कितने व्यक्ति मारे गये, तथा कितने गंभीर रूप से घायल हुये एवं उनमें से कितने पुलिस और सुरक्षा कर्मचारी थे तथा कितने निर्दोष व्यक्ति थे एवं कितने आंतकवादी थे;

(ख) आंतकवादी गतिविधियों पर नियंत्रण पाने के लिए सरकार ने पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान क्या कार्यवाही की है; और

(ग) आंतकवादी गतिविधियों में हताहत हुए व्यक्तियों पर तथा उनके आश्रितों पर 1 जनवरी, 1990 से अब तक किए गए खर्च तथा उनके आश्रितों को दी गई क्षतिपूर्ति का माहवार ब्यौरा क्या है?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस॰ एस॰ चैव्हाण): (क) से (ग) अपेक्षित ब्यौरे एकत्र किए जा रहे हैं तथा सदन के पटल पर रख दिये जाएंगे।